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This publication presents summary information from the Wisconsin Annual Survey of Hospices for 2004, and comparative data for 2002 and 2000. Wisconsin had 61 licensed hospices and 18,213 hospice patients in 2004. There were 924,207 hospice patient days during the year, an increase of 19 percent from 2003.

## HOSPICE CHARACTERISTICS

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Hospices by Ownership Type</b>			
Governmental	3	3	4
Nonprofit	51	49	50
Proprietary	7	7	7
<b>All hospices</b>	61	59	61

Patients by Ownership Type			
Governmental	114	92	113
Nonprofit	14,101	10,934	9,386
Proprietary	3,998	3,288	2,375
<b>All hospices</b>	<b>18,213</b>	<b>14,314</b>	<b>11,874</b>

<b>Hospice Patient Days</b>	924,207	671,647	534,515
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**Number of Hospices:**

Operating a residential facility	12	10	9
Operating an inpatient facility	7	5	5
Having a contract with a CBRF	47	45	42
Having a contract with an HMO	31	30	28
Having a contract with a nursing home . . .			
For inpatient respite service	4	7	17
For hospice routine care	56	54	53

## HOSPICE EMPLOYEES, 2004

<b>Type of Employee</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% Part-Time</b>	<b>FTEs Per 100 Patients</b>
RNs	728	64%	2.5
LPNs	106	73	0.3
Hospice aides	520	68	1.6
Social workers	170	58	0.6
<b>All employees*</b>	2,314	64%	n/a

\* Includes all full-time and part-time employees, but excludes contract staff and volunteers. Data are as of December 5-11, 2004.

## HOSPICE PATIENTS

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Percent Female</b>	56%	54%	53%

### Percent by Age

Age 55 and younger	7%	8%	8%
Age 55 to 64	9	10	11
Age 65 and older	84	82	81
Age 85 and older	35	29	25

### Hospice Utilization Rate (Patients per 1,000 Population)

Total Population	3.3	2.6	2.2
Female	3.6	2.8	2.3
Female 65 and older	21.0	15.7	12.3
Male	2.9	2.4	2.1
Male 65 and older	21.9	17.6	15.1

<b>Total Admissions</b>	16,502	13,041	10,850
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### Percent of Admissions by Primary Pay Source

Medicare	77%	73%	73%
Medicaid	3	3	3
Medicare/Medicaid dual entitlements	6	8	6
HMO	4	5	6
Private Insurance	9	9	11
Other	2	2	1

<b>Total Discharges/Deaths</b>	16,151	12,797	10,695
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### Percent of Discharges/Deaths by Reason

Hospice care not appropriate	4%	5%	5%
Transferred to another hospice	2	2	2
Revocation of hospice benefit	5	5	4
Other	2	1	1
Deaths	87	88	88

<b>Number of Patients on December 31</b>	2,687	1,910	1,505
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## HOSPICE PATIENTS

2004    2002    2000

### Percent by Pay Source (Dec. 31)

Medicare	80%	78%	78%
Medicaid	3	2	2
Medicare/Medicaid dual entitlements	8	11	8
Private insurance	6	6	7
Managed care/HMOs	1	2	2
Self-pay and other	2	1	3

### Percent with Selected Diagnoses

Malignant neoplasm (cancer)	48%	55%	61%
End-stage cardiovascular disease	16	14	11
End-stage pulmonary disease	6	6	5
Alzheimer's disease	8	7	5
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)	1	<1	2
Other	21	17	16

### Percent of Patients by Referral Source

Physician	33%	37%	40%
Hospital	29	25	24
Self-referral	2	3	2
Patient's family	9	8	9
Home health agency	3	5	6
Nursing home	17	16	-
Assisted living and other**	7	6	19

### Percent of Patients by Living Arrangements (Dec. 31)

Home/private residence	53%	64%	64%
Nursing home	27	22	24
Assisted living and other**	15	9	6
Hospice residential facility	3	2	4
Inpatient facility	2	2	2

### **Length Of Stay For Patients Who Died Or Were Discharged\*\*\***

Less than 7 days	34%	31%	28%
8 - 14 days	15	16	17
15 - 29 days	15	17	18
30 - 59 days	14	14	15
60 - 179 days	15	16	17
180 days or more	7	6	5

\*\*Includes residential care apartment complexes, adult family homes, and community-based residential facilities (CBRFs).

\*\*\*Length-of-stay categories were changed slightly in 2003 to make them consistent with a federal survey.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The source of data for these tables is the Annual Survey of Hospices, conducted by the Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health (DPH), Department of Health and Family Services, in cooperation with Wisconsin-licensed hospices; the Bureau of Fee-for-Service Health Care Benefits, Division of Health Care Financing, and the Bureau of Quality Assurance, Division of Disability and Elder Services. Wisconsin HOPE (Hospice Organization and Palliative Experts) endorsed this survey.

The 2004 survey population consisted of all 61 hospices licensed in Wisconsin. The survey instrument, prepared by the Bureau of Health Information and Policy, was mailed with the Hospice Annual Report (licensure) form in January 2005 by the Bureau of Quality Assurance. The survey utilizes a survey date of December 31; that is, hospices are asked to report some survey items (such as number of patients) as of that date. Other data items (such as the number of patient days and the number of admissions and discharges) were reported for all of calendar year 2004. Staffing information was based on the number of personnel employed by hospices during the week of Dec. 5-11, 2004. Data for 2000 and 2002 are also presented in this publication, based on surveys conducted for those years.

**Hospice** is a program that provides care to terminally ill persons who have a life expectancy of 6-12 months. (The patient must have a medical prognosis of 12 months or less to be eligible to receive services from a Wisconsin-licensed hospice. Medicare requires a prognosis of 6 months or less to elect the Medicare hospice benefit.) "Hospice" can be an organization, a program within an organization, or a place (for details, see Wisconsin Administrative Code HFS 131).

Hospice care is significantly different in goals and emphasis from traditional medical practice. The goal of hospice care is palliative (seeking to improve patient comfort and to lessen pain and other symptoms of illness) rather than curative. It also emphasizes home care rather than institutional care, addresses the psychological, social, spiritual, and physical needs of the patient, and provides supportive services to the family. Volunteers are a unique component in hospice care.

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